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KAGAN ON COURT**October 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the Supreme Court's newest Justice helped usher in a new era for the high court. For the first time, three women are sitting on the bench. Justice Elena Kagan jumped right in asking pointed questions just 20 minutes after opening arguments began in one case.

GOVERNOR FINAL DEBATE**October 12, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from San Rafael with details on how Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman clashed face-to-face for their third and final time tonight. They started out civil, focusing on jobs and the economy. But it wasn't long before the discussion turned nasty.

GOVERNOR RACE**October 21, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Terrell Brown reports that the fight is on in the race for Governor. Both candidates battled it out in Southern California today. But when Meg Whitman arrived in Los Angeles, she had company.

FINAL CAMPAIGN PUSH**October 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Chip Reid reports that the midterm elections on Tuesday could change the balance of power in Washington. President Obama is on the road to help his fellow Democrats. We take a look at the President's strategy in these last critical days before voters go to the polls.

JERRY BROWN**November 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Jerry Brown is back in Sacramento—literally. The Governor-elect said he already started to meet with state lawmakers. Earlier today, Brown also held his first news conference at the state capitol since being elected. He told

reporters one of his biggest concerns was the state's financial situation.

OBAMA INDIA PARLIAMENT

November 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that overseas, President Obama is wrapping up his three-day tour in India, with a show of support for the Mumbai government, and a handful of lucrative trade deals that will mean jobs here in America.

FORECLOSURE HEARING

November 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor David Gonzales reports that Congress opened up hearings today on the foreclosures, and revelations that big mortgage servicers used questionable procedures to foreclose homes. The foreclosure rate remains above 9% nationwide.

MAYOR/SHOP L.A.

November 24, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that this holiday season, L.A.'s Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is encouraging everyone to get out there and shop. The Mayor is reminding shoppers that spending money locally can help fund public safety and libraries.

OBAMA TAX DEAL

December 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Bill Plante reports that President Obama says he couldn't risk raising taxes on middle income Americans in this troubled economy, so he's worked out a deal with Republican leaders, on extending the Bush tax cuts for all Americans including the wealthiest.

TAX CUT DEBATE

December 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the Senate today is closer to signing off on the tax cut deal President Obama reached with Republican leaders. Senators were on the floor today to have their say on the controversial compromise.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

December 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the storm has prompted Governor Schwarzenegger to take action. He has declared a state of emergency. The Governor said the areas hardest hit include Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Kern and Tulare counties.

HIGHLAND TOWN HALL**December 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Greg Mills reports that there is outrage in a San Bernardino County neighborhood tonight, as it digs out after the storms. Frustrated residents in Highland are demanding help from the government.

DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING**October 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports live from West Hollywood, where a liquor store clerk was robbed at gunpoint. Then he was nearly killed by the responding deputy! Many questions tonight about why that Sheriff's Deputy fired as many as eight bullets at the man.

COACH ARRESTED**October 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that a Simi Valley high school softball coach, accused of having sex with one of his players, is out of jail tonight. Michael Burgmeier was arrested at his home yesterday, and released on 50-thousand dollars bail. Simi Valley Police say the young girl told them she had sex with Burgmeier twice, two years ago.

HAWTHORNE HOMICIDE**October 23, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that we're learning more about a couple killed in their vacation home in Hawthorne. L.A. County Sheriff's Deputies found their bodies yesterday during a welfare check. Detectives say the couple may have been killed during a home invasion robbery.

SD COP KILLED**October 28, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Adrienne Moore reports that a San Diego police officer has been killed after an eight-hour standoff. He's identified as Christopher Wilson, a 17-year veteran of the department. His suspected killer is dead, along with another person.

FAMILY TRAGEDY**November 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports from a scene in Orange County with developing news tonight. A deadly rampage—a mother, father and young child killed in a murder suicide. It happened on a quiet residential street in Fountain Valley.

SOUTH GATE CARJACKING**November 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from the scene where a victim was attacked while driving on a residential street in South Gate! It happened in the middle of the night. Now investigators want to know what she was doing there, and why she pulled over.

PUBLICIST KILLED**November 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Beverly Hills with an update on what many are calling the "perfect murder"—the killing of Hollywood publicist Ronni Chasen. Tonight, investigators have little evidence to follow.

TWO DEATHS**November 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports live from the scene of breaking news. Homicide detectives are investigating the shooting deaths of a man and a woman in Covina.

FREEWAY SHOOTING**December 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that detectives right now are looking for suspects in a deadly shooting on the 5-freeway. Police are looking for the killer who opened fire on a van. One man was killed and two others are wounded. Authorities say they're trying to determine if the incident was gang-related.

HOME INVASION**December 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jay Jackson reports live from Woodland Hills where police say a masked gunman broke into a home early this morning. He beat up the homeowner, and then got away. Neighbors are very concerned tonight.

SUNSET SHOOTING**December 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that police are investigating a possible gang shooting on Sunset Blvd. that left one person dead and three others injured. The shooting happened around noon along the 1300 block of Sunset. Witnesses reported a car racing away from the scene.

JACKSON DOC DEFENSE**December 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports live on the latest in the Conrad Murray case. Did Michael Jackson shoot himself up with a lethal dose of powerful anesthetic, and not his doctor, Conrad Murray? That question was the bombshell raised in a Los Angeles courtroom today.

MEDICAL SCHOOL

October 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that a public medical school is coming to Riverside. The new state budget will give UC Riverside 10-million dollars to build it; it's the first medical school to start up in California in 40 years. Officials say the school aims to improve the health of those who cannot afford healthcare.

SICK PEOPLE

October 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that a lot of kids are complaining that their throats are feeling scratchy. Parents should have them checked for strep throat, because the bacterial infection is going around. We offer some advice from doctors, to help keep you and your kids healthy.

WHOOPING COUGH DEATH

October 20, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there's been another infant death in California, caused by whooping cough. A six-week-old baby died last week in San Diego. This is the 10th child to die from whooping cough in California this year. Health officials are urging pregnant women to get vaccinated.

ROBOT THERAPY

October 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that life changes in an instant for the 800-million Americans who suffer strokes every year. Many of the patients lose function on one side of their body. Now, doctors are hoping robotics can help stroke survivors regain use of motion.

SITTING AND BACK PAIN

November 3, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Stahl reports that millions face a growing problem—back pain from sitting in office chairs for hours on end. There are some simple ways to stop the pain, without getting out of your chair. Also, exercises to strengthen core muscles are critical for treating and preventing back pain.

SKIN CELLS**November 7, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jay Dow reports that Canadian researchers are said to have now found a way to transform human skin into blood cells! Can you imagine your skin being able to give you a blood transfusion? Apparently that medical breakthrough is now a reality.

AUTISM PROGRAM**November 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Health Watch Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that new research is giving hope to parents of children with autism. There is a new and remarkable program that is changing lives.

PROBIOTICS**November 29, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that the American Academy of Pediatrics has a new report finding that probiotics can benefit some children when they get stomach bugs.

LAP-BAND TIGHTENING**December 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports that the holiday season can often lead to overeating, so now some dieters are asking doctors for an adjustment of their lap-bands, so they don't overeat! We take a look at this controversial procedure.

FOOT FUNGUS**December 10, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that in Health Watch tonight, there is new hope for people battling toenail fungus. 40-million Americans suffer from it, and now there's a new procedure that has an impressive success rate.

AUTISM AND FREEWAYS**December 16, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on a disturbing new medical report today. Doctors call the new study one clue in the quest to unravel the cause of spiking autism rates in America.

VITAMIN D PREGNANCY**December 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports that health experts say expecting mothers need to drink more milk and get natural sunlight. A

study at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital found that pregnant women need more Vitamin D. Researchers say newborns with low levels of Vitamin D had a greater risk of respiratory infection.

TARGETING LATINO VOTERS**October 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Terrell Brown reports that in Campaign 2010, there is just one month until California voters pick a new Governor. Both Democrat Jerry Brown and Republican Meg Whitman are working harder to win over a key voting bloc—as it turns out the Latino vote could make all the difference in this tight contest.

BBQ MAN**October 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that the down economy isn't stopping a Northern California man, who turned a dream and a recipe into a thriving business! This barbeque restaurant owner Harry Stewart manages to keep his business cookin'.

PROP 19/NAACP**October 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports there are new developments in the debate over legalizing marijuana, as the race card is injected into the battle over Proposition 19. The NAACP is releasing a new study tomorrow on the racial breakdown of marijuana arrests in California.

PIOLIN OBAMA**October 22, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports that while here, the President made a point of reaching out to Latino immigrants. He taped an interview with the Piolin show—an unprecedented move for this President while in office. Piolin is a Spanish language radio personality who holds great influence in the Latino community.

COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY**November 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports on how a community is fighting to make their neighborhood safer, after a young girl was killed in a crosswalk. This is a push for safety improvements after two girls were hit by a car at an intersection in the San Fernando Valley.

FIELD OF HONOR**November 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that hundreds of schoolchildren in Murietta honored veterans and others who've dedicated their lives to public service. Thousands of flags mark the 2nd annual Field of Honor in Town Hall Square. It's put on by the local Rotary Club, and is the first of several events in the city throughout the week to honor veterans.

TUITION ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**November 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that illegal immigrants, who attended California high schools, can continue to pay the lower in-state tuition rates at California universities, instead of the pricier rates charged to legal residents who live outside California.

CHURCH DELIVERS DINNER PREP**November 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that volunteers at a Riverside church are busy preparing to feed nearly 45-hundred people on Thanksgiving. Central Community Christian Fellowship has fed and delivered meals to the community for the past 23 years.

CHIPS FOR KIDS JAKKS**December 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the Chips For Kids holiday toy drive is off to a great start with some generous donations. Local toymaker JAKKS Pacific today donated 3,000 toys to the CHP.

SALVATION ARMY**December 14, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports live from Santa Monica with an urgent appeal. Christmas eve is just 10 days away, and the Salvation Army in Santa Monica says it desperately needs donations!

OXNARD SCHOOL GIFTS**December 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Ventura County Reporter Amy Johnson reports that students at Ramona Elementary School in Oxnard were treated to some early holiday gifts today. They were donated by an organization created after the L.A. riots. The group is dedicated to empowering youngsters and building their self-esteem.

ROSE PARADE EVENTS**December 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports from Pasadena, on how volunteers are coming into the home stretch to get the floats ready for the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's day. This year's Grand Marshal—celebrity chef Paula Deen—spend the morning doing her part to kick off a year-long drive to feed the homeless.

RAIN FLOODING ACCIDENTS**October 6, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that rain has been soaking much of the Southland today, causing flooding, as well as numerous traffic problems.

405 CLOSURE**October 12, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports that there's good news and bad news for drivers in the Sepulveda Pass. The good news is construction crews are going to widen the 405. The bad news is that while they do it, the sections of the busy highway will be closed late at night and everyone will have to go around.

STORM WATCH**October 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that we are on Storm Watch. Rainfall records have already toppled in Long Beach! Some roads are blocked, and lightning strikes have downed power lines. The Antelope Valley and foothills could be in for the most rain today.

BEACH WARNING**October 26, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports a beach warning today. Because of our recent rains, the L.A. County Health Department says people should avoid going in the water near storm drains, creeks and rivers. Bacteria, debris, trash and other health hazards are likely to enter the ocean through those outlets.

OC LANDSLIDE**November 9, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how crews are trying to control a crumbling hillside, near Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. Sky-9 was overhead as crews started trying to shore up the hillside, where a 75-foot fissure was discovered.

L.A. LIVE RECYCLES**November 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the owner of Staples Center is launching a major new effort to go green. AEG, which also owns the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live, the Home Depot Center and arenas and stadiums worldwide, is taking major steps to reduce their environmental footprint.

LIVING GREEN TIPS**November 17, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jason Carroll explains that if you'd like to live a more 'green' lifestyle but are afraid it would be too difficult, then there are tips for easy ways to be eco-friendly.

DOWNTOWN STREET FLOODING**November 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that in downtown Los Angeles, a small water main caused a big mess today. A rupture in the two-inch service line sent water pouring through streets near the intersection of 6th & Broadway. Firefighters and DWP repair workers blocked off streets and pushed the water towards the storm drain.

COYOTE ATTACK**December 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that people in a Northridge neighborhood are keeping a close eye on their pets after a coyote attack. The attack happened around ten o'clock last night when the dog's owner let her out in the backyard. The six-year-old West Highland Terrier suffered serious bite wounds on her head and neck.

RAIN PREPS**December 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from La Canada Flintridge on how day after day of rain is an alarming through for people in burn areas like these. Instead of shopping this weekend, residents have to prepare for possible flooding and mudslides.

INLAND EMPIRE STORM PROBLEMS**December 20, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Greg Mills reports that in the heavy rain, traffic can be a headache, but it's a migraine along the 215 freeway in San Bernardino right now. A mudslide covers lanes at a freeway construction project between 2nd & 9th streets. Part of the

freeway will be closed all night for cleanup, which could carry over into the morning commute.

BLUE CANYON**December 29, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Nick Janes reports from Blue Canyon, with more now from the Sierras near Sacramento, where 40 mile-per-hour winds have whipped snow into drifts! He reports that people are pretty "chill", despite the snow piling up.

KIDS & EMPTY CALORIES

October 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a study in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association says nearly half of the calories consumed by children each day come from junk food like pizza, soda and desserts. Experts say the 'empty calories' are causing the obesity epidemic and putting young people at risk for serious health problems later.

BULLYING FORUM

October 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that the recent suicides of several young people who were harassed for being gay, have brought attention to how damaging bullying can be. Today, a local school is trying to meet the crisis head-on by allowing students to share their personal stories.

BACTERIA FOUND

October 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that things are back to normal at a Lancaster elementary school, after a bacteria scare. The water at Eastside Elementary tests safe now, but last Friday a routine inspection by the L.A. County Health Department found bacteria at three locations on campus.

LAUSD AUDIT

October 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the L.A. school district is spending 20-billion dollars on new construction projects. But an audit reveals there could be widespread conflicts of interest in awarding contracts.

HYPERTEXTING DANGER

November 9, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a new study shows hyper-texting teens are more likely to be involved in risky behavior. Researchers say these kids are nearly 3 ½ times more likely to have

had sex. Hyper-texters also were more likely to have been in fights, participated in binge drinking, and used illegal drugs.

CAL STATE TUITION HIKE

November 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the parents of Cal State students are going to have to dig deeper—a lot deeper—to pay their children's tuition. The CSU Board of Trustees approved a plan today to raise tuition by 15%. The first increase of 5% goes into effect for the winter and spring semesters.

KIDS COLD MEDS

November 22, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a new government study shows fewer children have been ending up in the ER with cold medicine overdoses. Over-the-counter cough and cold medicines for children were taken off store shelves in 2007, and since then the CDC shows the number of ER visits has been cut in half.

LAUSD EARLIER START

November 29, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a plan to start and end the school year earlier, is gaining support from the L.A. Unified School District. The LAUSD is considering a proposal to start and end the academic calendar about three weeks earlier. Critics of the plan say it's too hot in August for students.

CHIPS FOR KIDS HOSPITAL

December 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that we have a special look today at some of the kids receiving toys you've been donating to our CBS-2/KCAL-9 Chips for Kids holiday toy drive. Santa arrived on his motorcycle at Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital this morning. Officials at the hospital say they can't thank the CHP enough for its toy drive.

LAUSD BOARD MEETING

December 15, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that some big classroom changes are coming to the L.A. Unified School District. School will start two weeks early next year. And, students will be dismissed two weeks earlier at the end of the school year. The school board passed the controversial proposal yesterday.

YOGA FOR YOUNGSTERS**December 23, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor David Gonzales reports that most people think that yoga is just for grownups, but that is not the case. More and more parents are getting their kids involved now!

BOT FOR TEACHING**December 31, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Marciano reports that a teaching robot may be the next big thing in education. Researchers at USC are testing a robot that is already helping children with autism.

PAYING MORE SOON

October 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that if you're trying to save money, you might need to spend money now, to save later. The latest consumer price index from the U.S. Bureau of Statistics shows that prices are about to go up again.

EMBEDDED GIVING

October 14, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Juliette Goodrich reports that it has happened to all of us...a store cashier asks if you want to make a donation to charity. But where does the money go? There is more to this fundraising strategy known as "embedded giving".

STROLLER RECALL

October 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that after four babies were killed, a company is recalling about 2-million baby strollers for safety reasons. The products in question are Quattro and MetroLife made by Graco. Officials say you should stop using those strollers immediately, and contact the company for a free repair kit.

EARLY BLACK FRIDAY

October 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that retailers are getting aggressive this year, but starting their big holiday sales earlier than ever before. If you're a savvy shopper, you'll find bargains before you can even say 'Halloween'!

VITAMIN TESTING

November 11, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 reporter Kristen Miranda reports that Americans spend almost 15-billion dollars a year on supplements, but are they getting what they pay for? Testing shows that some supplements and vitamins don't do what they're supposed to.

COMMODITIES**November 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Bill Whitaker reports that higher prices will have shoppers looking even harder for bargains this holiday season. Companies are looking for less expensive solutions to high commodity prices.

CAMARILLO RESTAURANTS**November 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that when the economy tanked, so did the restaurant business. But now, there are signs that both are rebounding in the city of Camarillo.

TOY SAFETY**November 23, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that before you spend money this holiday season, you'd better check out the latest report on dangerous toys. We explain which ones to steer clear from.

SKI DAZZLE**December 3, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that the annual Ski Dazzle Expo is back at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This year's show has more than just great shopping deals.

EXPLODING BAKEWARE**December 7, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Susan Koeppen reports a warning for those of you who use glass bakeware. Following increasing reports of exploding bakeware, the experts at Consumer Reports put popular brands to the test, and we have the results.

DAY WITHOUT A BAG**December 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that just in time for your holiday shopping, reusable bags are being handed out for free, all over L.A. County today. It's part of "A Day Without a Bag". Heal the Bay sponsors the annual event, which is an attempt to get consumers to stop using throwaway plastic bags.

RESTOCKING FEES**December 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Julie Watts reports on how you pay it because you have no choice—that dreaded 'restocking fee' when you return a gift. We explore who's charging, how much, and who just did away with their infamous fee.